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OR FOR REDUCING THE INCIDENCE OF ASCITES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the non-U.S. patent documents is submitted herewith. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i), the undersigned is not submitting copies of the cited U.S. patent documents. (European Patent No. 1,411,781 corresponds to the WO 03/011047 and is included for the Examiner's convenience since it is in the English language.)

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a counterpart International Search Report citing such documents, together with an English-language version of that portion of the Search Report indicating the degree of relevance found by the European Patent Office.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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